

**The Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers**  
**November 16, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers was conducted November 16, 2011, at the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Members Present

Granville Smith, Chairman  
Melanie Abner, Secretary  
Dr. Kevin Stallard  
Dr. Gary Wortz

Occupations and Professions Staff Present

Lindsey Lane, Board Administrator

Others Present

Ryan Halloran, Office of the Attorney General (filling in for Board Counsel, Michael West)  
Byron Brentlinger, Board Investigator

Members Absent

Charlotte Whittaker

**Call to Order**

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Stallard made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the September 21, 2011 meeting as presented. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

**Approval of 2011 Financial Statements**

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the financial statement presented to the Board. Dr. Stallard seconded that motion and it carried.

**O&P Report**

There was no report from the Office of Occupations and Professions at the November meeting.

**Board Counsel Report**

The Board expressed concern over the Cease and Desist letter sent to Funke Fusion in September stating that the store continued selling the colored contact lenses even after receiving their letter from the Board. The Board asked Mr. Halloran for guidance on what to do at this point since they'd like to take further action against the business. Mr. Halloran informed the Board that they could file a criminal and civil suit through the Jefferson Circuit Court in Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. Wortz made a motion for counsel to take the appropriate action in filing these suits with the Jefferson Circuit Court. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried.

### **Ophthalmic Inspector Report**

Mr. Brentlinger reported he visited four different sites since the September meeting. He visited John Roche Opticians where the Optician was not on site that day and there was no sign of the license certificate for the public to see on the wall. Mr. Brentlinger informed the employee working that all licenses needed to be on display at all times. Mr. Brentlinger also visited the Wal-Mart Vision Center in Winchester, Kentucky where the store was in compliance. A visit was made to the Wal-Mart Vision Center in Hazard, Kentucky where everything was also in compliance. The Wal-Mart Vision Center in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky was also visited and this store was in compliance.

Mr. Brentlinger asked the Board if it was possible to seek reimbursement for the colored contact lenses he purchased as part of his investigation with Funke Fusion in Louisville, Kentucky that was selling the contacts illegally. Ms. Abner made a motion for the Board to reimburse Mr. Brentlinger for the expenses made at the store. Dr. Wortz seconded that motion and it carried.

### **Licensure Status Report**

The Licensure Status Report showed there are currently 199 active Apprentice Ophthalmic Dispensers, and 648 Ophthalmic Dispensers. There are currently 74 Inactive Ophthalmic Dispensers.

### **Approval of Apprentice Applications**

Dr. Stallard made a motion to approve the following applicants for apprentice ophthalmic dispenser licenses:

1. Kiva Todd – SVS Vision, Louisville, KY
2. Julie Howell – Physicians Eye Center, Owensboro, KY
3. Kellee Stunson – Wal-Mart Vision Center, La Grange, KY
4. Julianna Hatton – America's Best, Shelbyville, KY
5. Dana Artrip – 20/20 Eye Care, Louisville, KY
6. Dawn Caldwell – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Hazard, KY
7. Mary Walls – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Ft. Wright, KY
8. Kayla Jones – Abney Eye Center, Leitchfield, KY
9. Alexandra Battistelli – Eyeglass World, Lexington, KY
10. Patrick DeSpain – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
11. Kaytlin Edwards, Abney Eye Center, Leitchfield, KY
12. Alicia Burst – Dr. Barnes Eyemart, Florence, KY
13. Rachel Temple – Sams Club, Louisville, KY

Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried.

## **Approval of Practical Exam Applications**

Ms. Abner made a motion to approve the following applicants to take the practical exam today at 1:00 pm at the Office of Occupations and Professions:

1. Annette Brink – Thomas & Sutton Eyecare, Ft. Mitchell, KY
2. Candra Wehmeyer – Primary Eye Care, Burlington, KY
3. Kimberly Allen – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Hopkinsville, KY
4. Kristin Gregory – Wal-Mart Vision Center, Corbin, KY
5. Scott Smith – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
6. Kris Shuff – Lenscrafters, Crestview Hills, KY
7. Rodney Copas – Lenscrafters, Louisville, KY
8. Janet Carson – Kentucky Eye Care, Louisville, KY
9. Damon Lahue – Sam's Club, Louisville, KY
10. Carol Hall – Wise Vision Care, Elizabethtown, KY
11. Nikita Pelfrey – Primary Eye Care, Burlington, KY

## **Approval of Continuing Education**

Dr. Stallard made a motion to approve the Diversified Ophthalmic Seminar being offered in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 4, 2011 for half credit. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried.

## **Additional Business**

Ms. Lane handed out the meeting schedule for 2012. The board will continue to meet every other month on the third Wednesday with the practical exam offered every other meeting. Dr. Stallard made a motion to approve the schedule as presented. Ms. Abner seconded that motion and it carried. The dates are as follows:

January 11, 2012 – Board Meeting

March 21, 2012 – Board Meeting and Practical Exam

May 16, 2012 – Board Meeting

July 18, 2012 – Board Meeting and Practical Exam

September 19, 2012 – Board Meeting

November 21, 2012 – Board Meeting and Practical Exam

Chairman Smith gave an update on the National Practical Exam and stated that Florida has accepted the exam and will begin using it in their state on January 1, 2012. Several other states are now looking into the National Practical and Kentucky would like to start in the Fall but will need to change the regulations to meet the requirements to participate. Chairman Smith informed the Board that he will be traveling for an ABO/NCLE meeting in January and will need the Boards approval for the out of state travel. Ms. Abner made a motion for the Board to approve Chairman Smiths travel for the ABO/NCLE meeting. Dr. Wortz seconded that motion and it carried.

## **Approval of Travel and Per Diem**

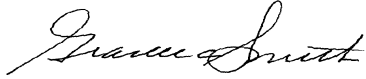
Ms. Abner made a motion to approve travel and per diem for the members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Dr. Stallard, carried.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business to bring before the board, Ms. Abner made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 am. The motion, seconded by Dr. Wortz, carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Granville Smith".

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Granville Smith, Chairman